UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

C.A. No. 04-12038-JLT

EIJA HEWARD,	_)
Plaintiff)
v.)
)
CITY OF BROCKTON,)
BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS,)
AND DONALD BURRELL,)
INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PRINCIPAL)
OF EAST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL,)
Defendants)

CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANTS AND DEFENDANTS' COUNSEL

_____Defendants City of Brockton, Brockton Public Schools, and Donald Burrell (together the "Defendants") hereby certified that they have conferred:

- (A) with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course- and various alternative courses- of the litigation; and
- (B) to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in LR. 16.4.

Respectfully submitted,

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